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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR DEMARCHES TO SOVIETS

REFS: (A) USBER 131; (B) BONN 569; (C) MOSCOW 507;
(D) BONN 570

1. IN REF (A) WE REPORTED THE BELIEF OF ALLIED
EMBASSIES THAT BERLIN MISSIONS, IF THEY GIVE KHOTULEV
A COPY OF THE PROTEST WHICH WAS DELIVERED IN MOSCOW
ON JANUARY 11, SHOULD NOT ADD AN EXTENSIVE CHECKLIST
OF SPECIFIC GDR ACTIONS BUT SHOULD LIMIT THEMSELVES
TO CITING THOSE EXAMPLES WHICH HAD ALSO BEEN MENTIONED
IN MOSCOW. THIS RECOMMENDATION WAS BASED ON THE
ASSUMPTION THAT MOSCOW EMBASSIES,
IN PRESENTING THE PROTEST, WOULD EXPRESS
CONCERN OVER THE APPARENT DISAPPEARANCE OF THE
"VERORDNUNGSBLATT FUER GROSS BERLIN." THE REPORTS
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FROM EMBASSY MOSCOW (REF C) AND FROM THE BRITISH AND
FRENCH EMBASSIES IN MOSCOW INDICATE THAT OPPORTUNITY
FOR DISCUSSION OF THAT ITEM DID NOT ARISE IN ANY OF THE
THREE CONVERSATIONS IN MOSCOW ON JANUARY 11.

2. WHILE WE CONTINUE TO FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE
UNDESIRABLE TO PRESENT KHOTULEV WITH A FULL

CHECKLIST OF RECENT GDR ACTIONS, THE IMPLICATIONS OF CESSATION OF PUBLICATION OF THE "VERORDNUNGSBLATT" ARE SUCH THAT, IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, WE SHOULD MAKE OUR CONCERNS KNOWN TO THE SOVIETS. IF A FINAL DECISION ON ITS PUBLICATION HAS NOT YET BEEN TAKEN, ALLIED MENTION COULD SWING THE BALANCE.

3. FOR THAT REASON, WE WILL TRY ON AN URGENT BASIS ON JANUARY 14 TO OBTAIN TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT THAT THE CHAIRMAN POLAD SHOULD INFACIT MENTION THE "VERORDNUNGSBLATT" IF HE DISCUSSES THE JAN 11 PROTEST WITH KHOTULEV. (THE BRITISH, LIKE WE, ARE STILL AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS ON THE GENERAL PRINCIPLE.)

4. THE FRENCH REP, MEANWHILE, HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT PARIS IS UNWILLING TO ACCEPT THE CHANGE IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE PROPOSED PROTEST ON TRANSIT PROBLEMS (REF D, PARA 6), AND PREFERS THE ORIGINAL BONN GROUP TEXT. AS WE CONSIDER EITHER VERSION ACCEPTABLE, THE ISSUE WILL HAVE TO BE SORTED OUT BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND THE BRITISH.

5. THIS ADDITIONAL DELAY SUGGESTS THAT THE DEMARCHE TO THE SOVIETS CANNOT IN ANY CASE BE MADE BEFORE JANUARY 17.
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